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SUBJECT: SECURITY: FIVE DEATHS IN TWENTY FOUR HOURS

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1. YOUNG FAMILY OF THREE, MOTHER, FATHER, CHILD BURNED TO DEATH IN ONE OF THREE HOUSES ATTACKED WITH MOLOTOV COCKTAILS NEW LODGE ROAD AREA BELFAST EARLY AUGUST 27. FIREMAN KILLED AND ANOTHER INJURED IN ARMAGH FIRE LATE AUGUST 26. POLICE CONSTABLE VISITING MOTHER ASSASSINATED ANDERSONSTOWN BELFAST AUGUST 26. IT BELIEVED FAMILY WHO DIED WERE ROMAN CATHOLICS BUT IT UNCLEAR WHETHER THEY TARGET OF ATTACK OR WHETHER ARSON WAS EXAMPLE OF TIT-FOR-TAT RETALIATION. A BOMB DESTROYED A PROTESTANT-OWNED SHOP NEARBY AUGUST 26. POLICE CONSTABLE WAS ONE OF RELATIVELY FEW ROMAN CATHOLICS IN ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY. HE STATIONED LONDONDERRY AND NATURE HIS OCCUPATION NOT GENERALLY KNOWN IN ANDERSONSTOWN. ASSASSINS PRESUMED BE MEMBERS PROVISIONAL IRA.

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2. CONCERN GROWING THAT THERE COULD BE DISRUPTION AT SHANKILL PEACE MARCH AUGUST 28 (REFTEL. MEMBERS IRISH CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS (ICTU) HAD PLANNED TO FORM CONTINGENT TO MARCH IN PROCESSION. SOURCES CLOSE TO ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT APPEARANCE ICTU AS ORGANIZATION BUT HAVE DECLARED THERE NO OBJECTION TO INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN MARCH AS INDIVIDUALS. CONGEN BELIEVES ICTU WILL DROP PLANS TO MARCH AS UNIT. ICTU STILL THE OBJECT OF BITTERNESS FOR ACTIONS DURING LOYALIST ULSTER WORKERS COUNCIL STRIKE IN MAY 1974 WHEN ICTU ORGANIZED TWO "BACK TO WORK" MARCHES.

3. CONGEN ROCKED BY EXPLOSION IN BUILDING ONE BLOCK AWAY AT 1130 LOCAL. BUILDING BURNING OUT OF CONTROL. THERE NO RPT NO WARNING GIVEN AND SEVERAL PEOPLE INJURED BUT THERE APPEAR TO BE NO FATALITIES.  
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